

December 7, 1978

Memo to File:

RE: Plateau Resources
Shooter Canyon
Uranium Mill
Garfield County

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A meeting was held on December 7, 1978, between Mr. Mike Sewell of Plateau Resources and Ron Daniels. Mr. Sewell expressed an urgency to obtain the State concurrence with his company's plans for this uranium processing facility in Garfield County.

Plateau Resources proposes to provide yellowcake (uranium oxide) from this 750 TPD mill at Shooter Canyon for Consumers Power Company of Jackson, Michigan. The yellowcake will be enriched elsewhere. The operation will consist of a mill and associated facilities and a tailings pond approximately 70 acres in size.

The Division is involved in this project under the Mined Land Reclamation Act due to its being located on site with various mines. Since the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (N.R.C.) requires a source materials license and an attendant Environmental Report (E.R.) there is much background material required of Plateau for the project. The E.R. is already in possession of the Division.

Mr. Sewell indicated that N.R.C. is ready to publish its Draft E.I.S. for the project in mid December, and that lacking any substantive comments to that D.E.I.S. could allow construction to begin within 75 days of that publication.

The company must begin construction by March 1, 1979, to come under the jurisdiction of the State's Clean Air Act since the new Clean Air Act Amendments (regulated by E.P.A.) will be enforced for projects that begin construction after March 1, 1979. In short, Plateau is seeking the State's approval of his plans before March 1, 1979, so that mill construction can proceed.

Forms MR-1 and MR-2 were provided to him along with Form MR-8 so that he can submit same as soon as possible. Completed Forms MR-1 and MR-2 for Plateau's Lucky Strike Mine are in receipt of the Division and were received on July 1, 1977. This mine will supply a portion of the ore to the mill.

The mine and the mill, though considered to be "on site", will be handled by the Division separately because of different characteristics.

Mr. Sewell committed to submitting the required forms as soon as possible. The Environmental Report will be considered a part of the Notice of Intention. He further stated that a bond to be used as surety should present few problems.

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